How To Read A Douglas County Assessor's Parcel Number

The parcel numbers used for assessment purposes in Douglas County represent a geographical location for the parcel. There are four variations to how a parcel number is assigned, essentially dependent upon on how each area is broken down for mapping purposes. Three methods involve sectional breakdown: eighths of a section, half of section, or a full section. The fourth method breaks down areas by half townships.

In all cases the first four numbers of a parcel number reference the township and range.

1220-xx-xxx-xxx, Township 12N, Range 20E

In all cases except the ½ township breakdown the 5th and 6th numbers indicate the section.

1220-15-xxx-xxx, Township 12N, Range 20E, Section 15

When a section is broken into 8ths, the 7th number references where the parcel is within the section.

1220-15-3xx-xxx, Township 12N, Range 20E, Section 15, N1/2 of the SW1/4

1 = N1/2 NW1/4	5 = N1/2 NE1/4
2 = S1/2 NW1/4	6 = S1/2 NE1/4
3 = N1/2 SW1/4	7 = N1/2 SE1/4
4 = S1/2 SW1/4	8 = S1/2 SE1/4

The 8th and 9th numbers are combined with the 7th number as 'block' numbers for grouping parcels. The 10th, 11th, and 12th numbers are the individual parcel identifier.

When a section is broken in half, the 7th, 8th and 9th numbers reference either the north or south half of the section.

1220-21-**001**-004, Township 12N, Range 20E, Section 21, north half

001 Represents N1/2 of the section **002** Represents S1/2 of the section

For full sections the 7th, 8th and 9th numbers do not represent a locational reference and are assigned '0s'.

1220-22-**000**-002, Township 12N, Range 20E, Section 22

Half townships are referenced similarly to half sections.

1322-00-**001**-001, Township 13N, Range 22E, North ½

001 Represents N1/2 of the township **002** Represents S1/2 of the township